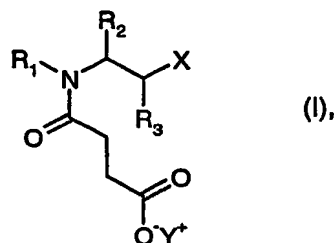


What is claimed is:

## 1. A composition comprising

## a) At least one compound of formula



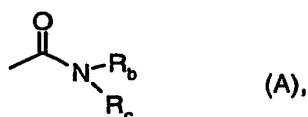
## Wherein

$R_1$  is a substituent selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl substituted by hydroxy,  $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by  $-C(=O)-$ ,  $-O-C(=O)-$  or by  $-NR_a-C(=O)-$ ,  $C_3$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-NR_a-$ ,  $-C(=O)-O-$  or by  $-C(=O)-NR_a-$ , wherein  $R_a$  denotes hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl and isobornyl;

$R_2$  and  $R_3$  are hydrogen, or one of  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  is hydrogen and the other is methyl; and

$X$  is carboxy or carboxylate and  $Y^+$  is a salt-forming cation suitable for lubricant compositions; or

$X$  is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, carboxy esterified by hydroxy- $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, carboxy esterified by  $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by  $-C(=O)-$ ,  $-C(=O)-O-$  or by  $-C(=O)-NR_a-$ , carboxy esterified by  $C_3$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-NR_a-$ ,  $-O-C(=O)-$  or by  $-NR_a-C(=O)-$ , wherein  $R_a$  denotes hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, carboxy esterified by phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, isobornyl, and carbamoyl of the partial formula



Wherein  $R_b$  and  $R_c$  are each independently of the other hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl or 2-hydroxyethyl, or  $R_b$  and  $R_c$  together are  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylene,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkenylene,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkadienylene or  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylene,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkenylene or  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkadienylene interrupted by -O- or by - $NR_a$ -, with  $R_a$  being as defined; and

$Y^+$  is a hydrogen ion or is a salt-forming cation suitable for lubricant compositions; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

2. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

$R_1$  is a substituent selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl substituted by hydroxy,  $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)-, -O-C(=O)- or by - $NR_a$ -C(=O)-,  $C_3$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S-, - $NR_a$ -, -C(=O)-O- or by -C(=O)- $NR_a$ -, wherein  $R_a$  denotes hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, and isobornyl;

$R_2$  and  $R_3$  are hydrogen, or one of  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  is hydrogen and the other is methyl;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, carboxy esterified by hydroxy- $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, carboxy esterified by  $C_2$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)-, -C(=O)-O- or by -C(=O)- $NR_a$ -, carboxy esterified by  $C_3$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S-, - $NR_a$ -, -O-C(=O)- or by - $NR_a$ -(C=O)-, wherein  $R_a$  denotes hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, carboxy esterified by phenyl, benzyl, 1- or 2-phenylethyl, 2-phenoxyethyl, furfuryl, 1-naphthyl, 1-naphthylmethyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, isobornyl, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A), wherein  $R_b$  and  $R_c$  are each independently of the other hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$ alkyl, or 2-hydroxyethyl, or  $R_b$  and  $R_c$  together are  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylene,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkenylene,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkadienylene or  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkylene,  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkenylene or  $C_2$ - $C_8$ alkadienylene interrupted by -O- or by - $NR_a$ -, with  $R_a$  being as defined; and

$Y^+$  is a hydrogen ion or is a salt-forming cation suitable for lubricant compositions; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

3. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

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R<sub>1</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)- or by -O-C(=O)-, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S- or by -C(=O)-O-, phenyl and benzyl;

R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are hydrogen;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, carboxy esterified by hydroxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, carboxy esterified by C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl interrupted by -C(=O)- or by -C(=O)-O-, carboxy esterified by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl interrupted by -O-, -S- or by -O-C(=O)-, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A) defined as heterocyclylcarbonyl; and

Y<sup>+</sup> is a hydrogen ion, ammonium, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

4. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl interrupted by -O-, phenyl, and benzyl;

R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are hydrogen;

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl, carboxy esterified by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>alkyl interrupted by -O-, and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A) defined as piperidinocarbonyl, piperazinylcarbonyl or morpholinocarbonyl; and

Y<sup>+</sup> is a hydrogen ion, ammonium, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

5. A composition according to claim 1, comprising

a) At least one compound (I), wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl interrupted by -O-, phenyl and benzyl;

R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are hydrogen;

X is carboxy and Y is ammonium, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium; or

X is carboxylate or derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl, carboxy esterified by C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>alkyl interrupted by -O-, and morpholinocarbamoyl; and

Y is hydrogen, ammonium, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium or (2-hydroxyethyl)<sub>1-4</sub>ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

6. A composition according to claim 1, comprising
  - b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity which is used for hydraulic or metal-working fluids, greases, gear oils or engine oils.
7. A concentrate comprising at least one compound (I) wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, X and Y are as defined in claim 1.
8. A method of improving the use properties of lubricants, which comprises adding to the lubricants at least one composition according to claim 1.